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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

FIA Director

- The Senate confirmed the appointment of Marianne Udow to be Director of the FIA [RC 75: 35 yes, 0 no].

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

SB 681 (CHERRY)

SB 681 allows the testimony of an expert witness at a preliminary hearing to be conducted by means of telephonic, voice, or video conferencing. The House-version added language allowing for testimony by non-experts upon a showing of good cause.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 681 [RC 77: 35 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 842 (Stamas)

SB 842 make it a felony for persons other than authorized emergency personnel in the course of their emergency duty to possess, use or sell a signal pre-emption device. A "signal pre-emption device" is defined as a device that has the capability of changing a traffic control signal to green.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 842 [RC 76: 34 yes, 1 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 843 (Gilbert)

SB 843 adds the maximum jail time for of using, selling or purchasing a signal pre-emption device.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 843 [RC 78: 30 yes, 5 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

FINAL PASSAGE

SBs 581-82 (Birkholz)

SB 581 allows a check-off on the state income tax form of \$2 for breast cancer research.

- SB 581 passed [RC 79: 35 yes, 0 no].

SB 582 creates the Amanda's Fund for Breast Cancer Research within the Department of Community Health. The fund uses the money from the check-off provided in SB 581 to fund research and community education programs.

- SB 582 passed [RC 80: 35 yes, 0 no].